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Group 4

- Themes could be anywhere in the city – how does community get to themes more specific to our neighborhood?
- Othello needs bicycle lanes
 - On Main street in community
 - Need parallel paths as well
- John C Little:
 - Segregation of housing groups
 - Excludes inclusively/creates safety issues
 - Want rich, vibrant park space
 - Safety issues
 - Underutilization
- Retrofits along MLK
 - Bike lanes
 - Improve commercial core/corridor
- Deliverables: need policy directions as well as
 - Re-zoning
 - RPZ – fees waived now (first 2-year cycle), is it possible to use money from RPZ in future for ROW improvements
- Concerns about safety → Light Rail
- Lots of crime in neighborhood
 - Could prevent people from using Light Rail (might not want to walk)
 - Six story height new housing (new apt buildings)
 - More crime
 - Police department needs to be more transparent
 - Crime is outside of the New Holly neighborhood
- Planning too early to know how community will change, so some residents believe that the City should wait for Light Rail to begin and bus changes to happen before updating plans
- Live one block from Rainier – more crime here than MLK (but not afraid to walk)
- New housing developments (renters?) – how will they be invested in neighborhood?
 - Need discussion about housing types
- Collision data: What will SDOT do to fix?
- MLK: Not pedestrian friendly
 - If want commercial visibility – need people to walk, not friendly enough now
- MLK: Not pedestrian friendly, not car, not bike friendly
 - MLK one lane each direction parking, bike lane – should be rechannelized
 - Parking becomes buffer when no planting strip
 - Vehicle congestion E/W directions (MLK) and lane reduction would make more congestion (one resident did not like this idea due to more congestion)
- Storm water management
 - Othello small retaining pond: Othello Playground potential

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- Storm water opportunities throughout vicinity
- History: with less density ➔ were able to have Fred Meyers then community changed (more crime) Fred Meyer moved out.
- A lot of capacity with existing zoning for new development
 - Rental instead of home ownership is coming to neighborhood (Othello Partners)
- Want variety of housing (do not have it now)
- Building types:
 - Eight story height not infeasible (lot depends on economy) rental market ➔ not really appropriate with 12 stories
 - Othello zoning capacity is where community wants to be at but better design and infrastructure
 - Not sure that Othello needs more density
 - How can we create a community without crossing arterial? ➔ challenge
- Cannot have auto access off MLK
 - May be better to turn pedestrian internal (not along MLK)
- Make Othello a great street
- Scale of buildings versus scale of street
- Kings Plaza: core of what Othello has currently
- Green pedestrian corridor and internal network through new development
- 42nd Ave (behind East side) MLK could be closed off to create festival street
- Food courts/night markets/farmers markets
 - Attracts people
 - Economically sound small businesses rent smaller space
 - Capture economics of scale: take many tasks for small businesses (food providers to only worry about food, not trash, clean up, etc.)
 - Very attractive to local residents and tourists
 - Have ownership to deal with maintenance, restaurants, food providers focus on food